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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: PRESENTATION GIFT FOR KING

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FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF ERTS PROGRAM AND PHOTOGRAPH
TO BE PRESENTED TO KING:

1. PICTURE TAKEN BY EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE (ERTS-1), LAUNCHED BY NASA JULY, 1972. SATELLITE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND ORBITS AT ALTITUDE APPROXIMATELY 900 KILOMETERS. ERTS PROGRAM GOAL IS TO PROVIDE DATA FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF EARTH'S RESOURCES. SPECIFIC PROJECTS INCLUDE INVENTORYING CROPS; OBSERVING CHANGES IN LAND USE; MONITORING VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, GLACIERS, ETC.; MAPPING POORLY EXPLORED AREAS; MEASUREMENT OF WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

2. SATELLITE CARRIES COMPLEX SCANNER SYSTEM THAT VIEWS AT ONE TIME EARTH AREA 185 BY 185 KILOMETERS. THREE SCANNERS VIEW EARTH IN DIFFERENT SPECTRAL BANDS (GREEN, RED, AND NEAR INFRARED.) FOURTH IS MULTI-SPECTRUM (GREEN, RED, AND TWO NEAR INFRARED.) SEPARATE IMAGES THEN SUPER-
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IMPOSED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLORS TO PROVIDE SINGLE FULL

COLOR IMAGE.

3. PRESENTATION PHOTO RAPH TAKEN FEBRUARY, 1973.
CENTER POINT OF IMAGE 27 29" N., 86 03" E. KATHMANDU
JUST OFF PICTURE CENTER LEFT. SUN KOSI RIVER SYSTEM
FLOWS GENERALLY UPPER LEFT TO LOWER RIGHT.

4. PHOTOGRAPH ENROUTE KATHMANDU WITH DCM QUANTON.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ERTS CONTAINED REFTEL. IF
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